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Honorable Toni Atkins
Assembly Member, 78th District
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Atkins:

On February 26, 2013, the Board of Equalization (BOE) unanimously voted to support your AB 163. This bill deletes the January 1, 2014 sunset date on the sales and use tax exemption for certain military-related thrift store sales.

This narrow sales and use tax exemption applies to thrift store sales of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (Society). As a nonprofit, charitable organization, the Society provides financial, educational, and other assistance to United States Naval Services members, eligible family members, and survivors, when in need. The Society's seven California thrift stores sell used clothing, uniforms, and household items to service members and families at a nominal cost. The sales income is returned to the Navy-Marine Corps community through the Society's relief services.

In 2009, the BOE sponsored this exemption when it was added to law. The BOE believes that our service members and their families should not have to bear the additional expense of the sales tax added to the price of the items they buy from these thrift stores. Accordingly, the BOE supports an extension of this exemption indefinitely.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact, Michele Pielsticker, Chief of the Legislative and Research Section, at (916) 322-2376.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Bridges
Executive Director

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